AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The following listing of claims replaces all prior listings, and all prior versions, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Cancelled).

2. (Previously presented) The process according to claim 14, wherein the mesophase pitch has a softening point of 150°C or higher as measured by an elevated flow tester method, and a carbonization yield of 70% or higher.

3-13. (Cancelled).

14. (Currently amended) A process for producing a carbon material for a negative electrode of a non-aqueous solvent type secondary battery, comprising:

(1) mixing 100 parts by weight of mesophase pitch which is produced by polymerizing a condensed polycyclic hydrocarbon or a substance containing the condensed polycyclic hydrocarbon in the presence of hydrogen fluoride-boron trifluoride, with 10 to 1,000 parts by weight of coal tar pitch which contains substantially no quinoline insolubles (QI) to produce a pitch composition having an optically anisotropic content of 1 to 99% by volume,

(2) further mixing 1 ~~0.1~~ to 30 ~~100~~ parts by weight of sulfur per 100 parts by weight of the pitch composition obtained in step (1),

(3) heat-treating the pitch composition obtained in step (2) at a temperature of 500°C or higher,

(4) pulverizing the coke produced in step (3) to provide a coke powder [[~~3~~]], and

(5) graphitizing the ~~pulverized~~ coke powder at a temperature of 2000°C or higher to form a graphite powder adapted to be used for the carbon material for the negative electrode of the non-aqueous solvent type secondary battery.

15. (New) The process according to claim 14, wherein said pitch composition obtained in step (1) has an optically anisotropic content of 10 to 90% by volume.

16. (New) The process according to claim 14, wherein the coke produced in step (3) is pulverized and classified so as to provide a coke powder having an average particle size of 1 to 50 μm.

17. (New) The process according to claim 16, wherein said average particle size is 2 to 30 μm.